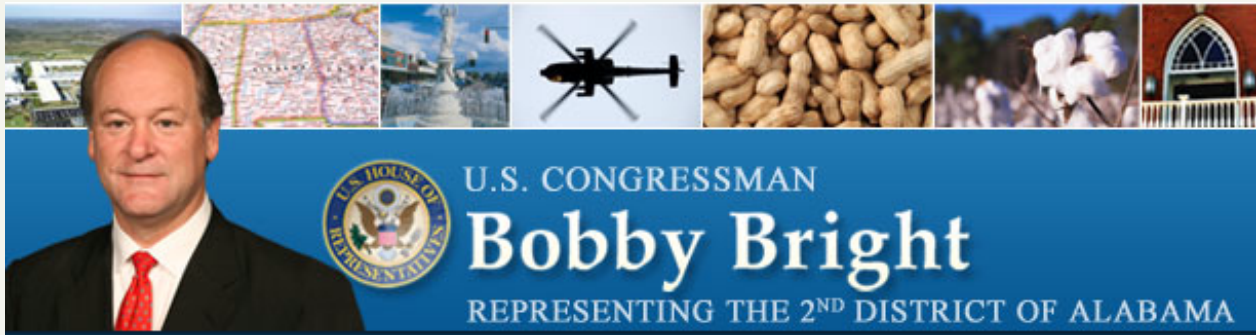


April 1, 2009



Dear Friend,

Last Friday, my office teamed with the Small Business Administration's Alabama District Office to host a Small Business Survival Seminar. The seminar was designed to give small business owners useful information for making ends meet in a tough economy. It was a very successful event, with over 70 people attending the event at Troy University's downtown Montgomery campus.

The seminar boasted participants representing businesses ranging from locally owned feed stores to area non-profits. Presenters included experts at the SBA and business leaders from across the state. Topics included an overview of government contracts, access to capital, marketing, credit repair, and legal strategies. My office plans to host another seminar in the Wiregrass in the near future.

Small businesses are job creators and they will be on the front lines getting us out of this recession. It has been my goal in Congress to protect small businesses and to help them through tough times and it was one of my highest priorities to obtain a seat on the Small Business Committee. The seminar was one small way for my office to reach out to small businesses in the area.



Congressman Bright speaks to small business owners about what his office can do to assist them.

Recognizing History in the Second District

On Monday, the President signed the Omnibus Public Lands Management Act of 2009, a bill that I supported and voted for last week. In addition to protecting millions of acres of public lands for future generations, it also

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authorizes a feasibility study for establishing a National Heritage Area in the Chattahoochee Trace Corridor of Alabama and Georgia. I had previously sponsored H.R. 867, which also authorized the study. In the past, the Chattahoochee Trace has received support from Senators Richard Shelby and Jeff Sessions, as well as Congressman Mike Rogers from the neighboring 3rd District and former Congressman Terry Everett.

The Chattahoochee Trace Corridor covers Barbour, Dale, Henry, and Houston Counties in the Second District. Local leaders have worked for quite some time to get recognition for this region, and passing this bill is the first step in the process of showcasing a truly unique and special region to the rest of the country. National Heritage Areas are regions designated by Congress for having significant geographical, cultural, or historical significance. In contrast to National Parks, National Heritage Areas are not federally owned or managed, but remain maintained and controlled by local entities. Communities designated as a National Heritage Areas are eligible for federal funding to be used for promoting tourism and conservation.

At Home in the District

Since being sworn into office, I have returned to the district from Washington nearly every weekend. Starting next week, however, I will have two full weeks at home during the April District Work Period. This is my time to meet with constituents, visit local businesses and schools, and speak to local Chambers of Commerce and Rotary Clubs.

It's no secret that my favorite part of the job is being home and listening to the concerns of my constituents. Already, my office has hosted 12 Congress on Your Corners across the district, giving folks the opportunity to talk to me and my staff about the issues that concern you. I am currently finalizing my schedule for the district work period, and I will keep you informed about where you can meet me in the district.

As always, if you have any questions, please do not hesitate to call my offices in Montgomery at (334) 277-9113, Dothan at (334) 794-9680, Opp at (334) 493-9253, or Ozark at (334) 445-4600. I am also online at www.bright.house.gov to assist you in any way we can. It is my great pleasure to serve you and the entire Second District of Alabama.

Sincerely,



Congressman Bobby Bright

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